National goal of population policy

4842. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Population has recommended that two child per couple be declared as a national goal of population policy;

(b) whether some incentives and disincentives have also been suggested in this context and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government to the recommendations of the N.C.P.;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Population control sops spark rights row", which appeared in the Telegraph, dated the 17th April, 2002; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No such proposal has been circulated by the National Commission on Population.

National Commission on Population (NCP) as part of reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the NPP, 2000, suggested restrategising the policies and programmes relating to population stabilisation keeping in view the need to achieve the goals outlined in the NPP within the given time-frame.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The issues raised in the news item are parts of continuing dialogue on the strategies mentioned in the National Population Policy.

Strike by CGHS Chemists Association

4843. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS Chemists Association has gone on strike from 1st April, 2002 with the result dispensaries under the CGHS in Delhi are in a state of disarray as most of the medicines are not available therein;

(b) if so, the precise demands of the Chemists Association; and

(c) by when these are likely to be met and if not, the reasons therefor?